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SUBJ: AFRICAN- AMERICAN LABOR CENTER (AALC) HOLDS ANNUAL STAFF
CONFERENCE FOR FIRST TIME IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

1. AALS STAFF MEMBERS MET IN GABORONE, CAPITAL OF BOTSWANA, FROM
APRIL 24-28, FOR USUAL PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING AND EVALUATING PRESENT
AND PROJECTED LABOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS & FOR ADDITIONAL
PURPOSE
OF DRAMATIZING AALC' S INTEREST IN INCREASING ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA.

2. CONFERENCE DEVOTED FULL HALF DAY APRIL 26 TO CONSIDERATION OF
LABOR/ TRADE UNION SITUATION IN REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA. SEVERAL
SOUTH AFRICANS PARTICIPATED IN APRIL 26 SESSION INCLUDING J. ARTHUR
GROBBELAAR, GENERAL SECRETARY OF TRADE UNION COUNCIL OF SOUTH
AFRICA
(TUCSA) AND LUCY MVUBELO, LEADER OF UNREGISTERED TUCSA-
SPONSORED 18,000 MEMBER AFRICAN TEXTILE UNION. TUCSA, WHICH
FAVORS EXTENDING TRADE UNION RIGHTS TO REPUBLIC' S AFRICAN WORKERS,
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REPRESENTS JUST UNDER FIFTY PER CENT OF ALL SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE UNIONISTS.

3. CONGEN WILL DEAL AT GREATER LENGTH IN SEPARATE COMMUNICATION WITH PROSPECTS FOR EXTENDING AALC ACTIVITIES TO REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IRVING BROWN ANNOUNCED DURING HIS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS THAT HE WILL LEAVE SOON TO BECOME AFL- CIO EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE IN PARIS & THAT HIS PRESENT DEPUTY PATRICK J. O' FARRELL WILL REPLACE HIM AS HEAD OF AALC.

5. OTHER NON- AALC PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIATES, STATE/ AID REPRESENTIVES, & BOTSWANA MINISTER OF HEALTH, LABOUR & HOME AFFAIRS, WHO DELIVERED WELCOMING ADDRESS AS REPRESENTATIVE OF HOST GOVERNMENT.

6. REGIONAL LABOR OFFICER VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED DURING PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS AROUND TABLE WITH EXTENT TO WHICH AALC TECHNICIANS:
A) EXHIBITED WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS FAILURES & DIFFICULTIES AS WELL AS SUCCESSES & B) EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF SUCH BASIC BUT OFTEN NEGLECTED FACTORS AS LOCAL SELF- HELP & PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN SOME PROGRAMS TOWARDS WORKING AALC OUT OF A JOB.
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